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Dr. Jane Henney
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Dear Dr. Henney:

Recently I wrote to you about my concerns on the pending release by the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) of the adverse event reports (AERs) which have been accumulated on the ephedra issue. It has now been brought to my attention that those reports have been released. I commend the FDA's decision to release these reports.

I do have some concerns however over the 45 day comment period on this recently released data. This limited time period does not allow for an adequate evaluation of the recently released data. Consequently, I would request that the FDA extend the comment period to 180 days. The FDA has spent nearly two years compiling this information. Extending the comment period will allow all interested parties a chance to develop a response.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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